



# State Legislative Session Update 2024

**Gainesville City Commission Meeting  
February 1, 2024**

**Office of the City Manager - Government Affairs and Community Relations**

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# Planning and Approach



## Executive Leadership Meeting – January 5, 2024

- Discussed desired outcomes for City of Gainesville.
- Received a brief of session format.
- Discussed potential impacts of other state bills.



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# Monitoring and Coordination



## LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

Tallahassee, FL January 29-31, 2024

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# Transportation



**HB 479 Alternative Mobility Funding** - Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility plan & fee system; providing definitions for “mobility fee” and “mobility plan”; requires that local governments collect for extra jurisdictional impacts if they are issuing building permits and prohibit local governments from assessing multiple charges for same transportation impact

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives & FLC)*

FLC - Supports

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# Transportation Bill Status – HB 479

Companion Bill: SB 688

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Local Admin, Federal Affairs, & Special Districts	Pass
Ways & Means	Pass
Commerce	Pass

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Rules	Designated
Community Affairs	Pass
Transportation	Pass

# Transportation – Cont'd



**HB 287 Transportation** - Limits revenues FDOT may commit to public transit projects; defines a reasonable liquidated damage amount for each day the work exceeds the specified time frame

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives & FLC)*

# Transportation Bill Status – HB 287

Companion Bill: SB 266

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Transportation & Modals	Pass
Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations	Pass
Infrastructure Strategies	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Transportation	Pass
Transportation, Tourism, & Econ. Development Appropriations	Designated
Appropriations	Designated

# Historic Preservation

**SB 1526 Local Regulations** - Prohibiting cities from prohibiting, restricting, or preventing the demolition of certain structures and buildings unless necessary for public safety; prohibiting cities from imposing additional local land development regulations or public hearings on permit applicants; requiring cities to authorize replacement structures to be developed in accordance with certain regulations

*(Source: The Florida Senate)*

FLC - Opposes

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# Historic Preservation Bill Status – SB 1526

**Companion Bill: HB 1647**

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
On Regulatory Reform & Econ. Development agenda today, 11:30am	Designated
Local Admin, Federal Affairs, Special Districts	Designated
Regulatory Reform & Commerce	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Both Community Affairs	Pass
Environment/Natural Resources	Pass
Rules	Designated

# Historic Preservation – Cont'd

## **SB 1166 FL Main Street Program & Historic Tax Credits**

– Establishes a Florida Historic Tax Credit, covering 20% of eligible renovation costs of historic structures, and additional 30% tax credit for eligible costs for buildings in a certified Main Street community

*(Source: Florida Trust for Historic Preservation)*

FLC – No position

# Historic Preservation Bill Status SB -1166

Companion Bill: HB 1183

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Ways & Means	Designated
Regulatory Reform & Econ. Development	Designated
Commerce	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Commerce & Tourism	Pass
Finance & Tax	Designated
Appropriations	Designated

# Gun Bills

**HB 17 Waiting Period Expiration** - Removes provision authorizing mandatory waiting period to expire upon completion of a records check

**HB 1223 Minimum Age** – Reduces minimum age at which person may purchase firearm & age of purchasers to which specified licensees are prohibited from selling or transferring firearm

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives)*

FLC - No position

# Gun Bill Status – HB 17

Companion Bill: SB 1124

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Criminal Justice	Pass
Judiciary	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Criminal Justice	Designated
Fiscal Policy	Designated
Rules	Designated

# Gun Bill Status – HB 1223

Companion Bill: None

House of Representatives	
Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Criminal Justice	Pass
Judiciary	Designated

Senate	
Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
None	

# Police Oversight/Advisory Boards

- **HB 601 Complaints Against Police** - Makes it unlawful for municipalities or citizen oversight boards to pass or enforce any ordinance relating to the receipt, processing or investigation of complaints of misconduct by law enforcement officers. The bills also prohibit the creation of any laws in relation to civilian oversight of a law enforcement agency in relation to the investigation of complaints

FLC - Opposes

*(Source: Florida League of Cities)*

# Oversight Board Bill Status -HB 601

Companion Bill: SB 576

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Criminal Justice	Pass
Local Admin, Federal Affairs, & Special Districts	Pass
Judiciary	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Criminal Justice	Pass
Community Affairs	Designated
Rules	Designated



# Homestead Exemption Bills

**HB 7015 Increased Homestead Exemption** – amendment to FL Constitution to increase the max amount of the from \$25,000 to \$50,000, for homestead property w/assessed value greater than \$50,000

**HB 7017 Homestead Exemption Value Adjustment** – amendment to FL Constitution for annual inflation adjustment to \$25K exemption and any future ones only when inflation growth is positive

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives & FLC)*

FLC – Opposes

# Homestead Exemption Bills

Companion Bill: None

## House of Representatives - HB 7015

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Recommended by Ways & Means	Pass
State Affairs	Pass

## House of Representatives - 7017

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Recommended by Ways & Means	Pass
State Affairs	Pass

# Permitting Bills

**HB 665 Expedited Approval** – Requires cities to create/ or update program to expedite process for issuing residential building permits; authorizes applicants to use private provider; authorizes cities to issue addresses/temporary parcel identification numbers; requires cities to issue specified # or % of building permits; prohibits cities from making changes to preliminary plat w/o written consent

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives)*

FLC – Opposes

# Permitting Bills – HB 665

## Companion Bill: SB 812

### House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Regulatory Reform & Econ. Development	Pass
Local Admin, Federal Affairs, & Special Districts	Pass
Commerce	Designated

### Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Community Affairs	Pass
On Regulated Industries agenda 2/5 at 2:30pm	Designated
Rules	Designated

# Permitting Bills Cont'd

**HB 791 Development Permits/Orders** - Requires cities to meet specified requirements regarding minimum info. necessary for certain zoning applications; revises timeframes for processing applications for approvals of development permits or development orders; provides refund parameters in situations where cities fail to meet certain timeframes; defines term "substantive change."

*(Source: Florida House of Representatives)*

# Permitting Bill Status –HB 791

Companion Bill: SB 1150

## House of Representatives

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Local Admin, Federal Affairs, & Special Districts	Pass
Commerce then State Affairs	Designated

## Senate

Committee Name	Pass/Fail/Designated
Community Affairs	Pass
Judiciary	Designated
Rules	Designated

# Housing Bill



**SB 328 Affordable Housing** - Requires cities to meet specified requirements regarding minimum info. necessary for certain zoning applications; revises timeframes for processing applications for approvals of development permits or development orders; provides refund parameters in situations where cities fail to meet certain timeframes

*(Source: The Florida Senate)*

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# Housing Bill Status

Companion Bill: HB 1239 now in State Affairs

<b>House of Representatives</b>	
<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Pass/Fail/Designated</b>
Ways & Means	Designated
Appropriations	Designated

<b>Senate</b>	
<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Pass/Fail/Designated</b>
Community Affairs	Pass
Fiscal Policy	Pass







# Thank You

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